

CONGRATULATING THE SATSUMA
LITTLE LEAGUE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor the Satsuma All-Star little league team on winning the Cal Ripken 12-year-old Alabama State Championship, as well as Cal Ripken's Southeast Regional Championship.

Myrick McAll, Wilson McAll, Conner McConaghy, Logan Clifton, Nick Saucier, David Black, Jamie Patterson, Cody Christian, Matthew Peacock, Chase Patterson, Chase Blum, Corey Mosley, and Alex Peacock are all talented young men who exhibited superb discipline, athleticism, and sportsmanship. Special credit also goes to their head coach, Ernie Ray Clifton, and assistant coaches, Tracey Patterson and Glen Peacock, who along with the support and encouragement of the boys' families and friends, help lead the team to become the best in Alabama.

During the State Championship, these 12-year-olds played a very difficult game, which lasted 10 innings. The team showed great perseverance as they displayed their talents on the field.

As if winning the State championship were not enough, these young men went on to compete and dominate the regional competition as well. They now hold the title of Southeast Regional Champions with a 7-3 victory over Winchester, Virginia. Their hometown of Satsuma and all of south Alabama, joins me in saluting this outstanding group of future Hall of Famers.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations to Myrick, Wilson, Conner, Logan, Nick, David, Jamie, Cody, Matthew, Chase, Corey, Alex, Chase, Coach Clifton, Coach Patterson, and Coach Peacock for their outstanding wins this season. I trust my colleagues will join me in commending the team and wishing them the best of luck as they prepare to compete against other regional winners in Maryland next month.

HONORING DR. RICHARD AMOS

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

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Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and thank Dr. Richard Amos, Deputy to the Commanding General of the Army Aviation and Missile Command, for his continued service to the defense of our country.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions of the Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) at Redstone Arsenal cannot be overemphasized. As a leader in defense technology research and development, the Command has been on the forefront of new and emerging technology for our armed services. It has done a great deal to ensure that the men and women on the battlefield have the most up-to-date war fighting capabilities and the tools they need to safely accomplish their mission. Dr. Amos, a native son of Huntsville, has been the Deputy to the Commanding General of AMCOM since 2004.

Earlier this year, Dr. Amos was awarded the 2005 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive for his work as Deputy Commanding General. This was a much-deserved honor as he has diligently led efforts with Redstone's Commanding General James Pillsbury to ensure that Redstone and the entire North Alabama defense community are continuously evolving to meet the demands of today's warfighter.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Amos' dedication and leadership is well respected throughout the North Alabama community. On behalf of the United States Congress and the people of North Alabama, I proudly rise today to commend him on his service and wish him the very best for the future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
DEANNE IGNACIO TAJALLE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Deanne Ignacio Tajalle, who passed away on Sunday, July 23, 2006, at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Deanne sustained severe injuries as a result of an explosion that occurred in March while he was servicing a military vehicle as a civilian contractor supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Deanne was born February 27, 1969, to Benjamin S. and Doris Quitugua Tajalle of Columbia, South Carolina, formerly residents of Guam.

I join with our local leaders on behalf of our community on Guam in offering our sincerest condolences to the family of Deanne Tajalle, especially his wife Faapepele Hunkin Tajalle, who is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army and also an Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran, and their three children, Nicole, Victoria, and Dean Junior. Our thoughts and prayers are also with his brother, Benjamin S. Tajalle, Jr., his sisters, Yvonne T. Decker, Candy T. Muna, and Pamela T. Ibanez, and his father-and-mother-in-law, Fuatau and Miriama Hunkin of Nu'uuli, American Samoa.

Our community on Guam appreciates Deanne's service to our country. I join our Pacific island family in honoring his service and his sacrifice. We honor Deanne's commitment to his children, his devotion to his wife, and his dedication to his parents.

The people of Guam extend to the Tajalle and Hunkin families their most heartfelt gratitude and respect during this time of loss. We take this occasion to reflect upon Deanne's character, his service, and his commitment to the United States Army and to his country. May God Bless his family and friends and those whose lives he touched. And may God Bless America.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL
JAMES PILLSBURY

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Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents in North Alabama, I rise today to pay tribute and thank Redstone Arsenal's Commanding General, Major General James Pillsbury, on the service he continues to provide to our national defense.

General Pillsbury was named Commanding General of Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, as well as the Army Aviation and Missile Command, which is located at Redstone, in December of 2003. In addition to the Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone is the home of, among others, the Missile Munitions Center and School, the Redstone Technical Test Center (RTTC), and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.

As Commanding General, he has worked to ensure that the entire North Alabama defense community is engaged in efforts to meet the future needs of the Army and the warfighter. In addition, he and his wife Becky, have established a non-profit organization, Still Serving Veterans, which continues to recognize the sacrifice and look for ways to repay the numerous veterans living in North Alabama for their service. The Pillsburys' community outreach and dedication to the entire region have made the North Alabama community a better place to work and live.

Mr. Speaker, the Army has rewarded General Pillsbury's leadership and commitment at Redstone with an extension on his service in North Alabama. His contributions have prepared our community for additional roles and responsibilities. I rise today to commend him on his service and wish him the very best for the future.